

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 140

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to Lao-Hmong New Year Celebration.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 69, Briggs. Lao-Hmong New Year Celebration.

This measure would proclaim November 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1999, as days for the celebration of the Lao-Hmong New Year in the City of Sacramento, and December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, 1999, and January 1 and 2, 2000, as days for that celebration in the City of Fresno.

WHEREAS, Following the Communist takeover in Southeast Asia in 1975, many people were dislocated from their native homeland; and

WHEREAS, The United States has welcomed over 152,000 Lao-Hmong refugees of whom more than 62,000 have made the Golden State their new home; and

WHEREAS, For the Lao-Hmong community, the New Year Celebration is traditionally the most important and only holiday away from the otherwise constant routine of work; and

WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong New Year Celebration traditionally begins on the first day of the lunar month and stands as the spiritual and material marker between the old year and the new year; and

WHEREAS, November 25, 1999, represents the beginning of the Lao-Hmong annual lunar cycle; and

WHEREAS, It is important for all Californians to recognize the sincere efforts of our new Lao-Hmong American residents to integrate into our society, and to weave their most important and elaborate holiday into the cultural fabric of California; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California hereby proclaims November 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1999, as days for the Celebration of the Lao-Hmong New Year in the City of Sacramento, and December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, 1999, and January 1 and 2, 2000, as days for that celebration in the City of Fresno; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for distribution.

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